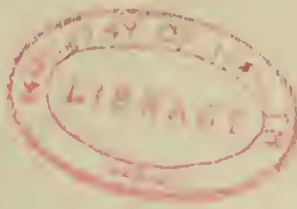


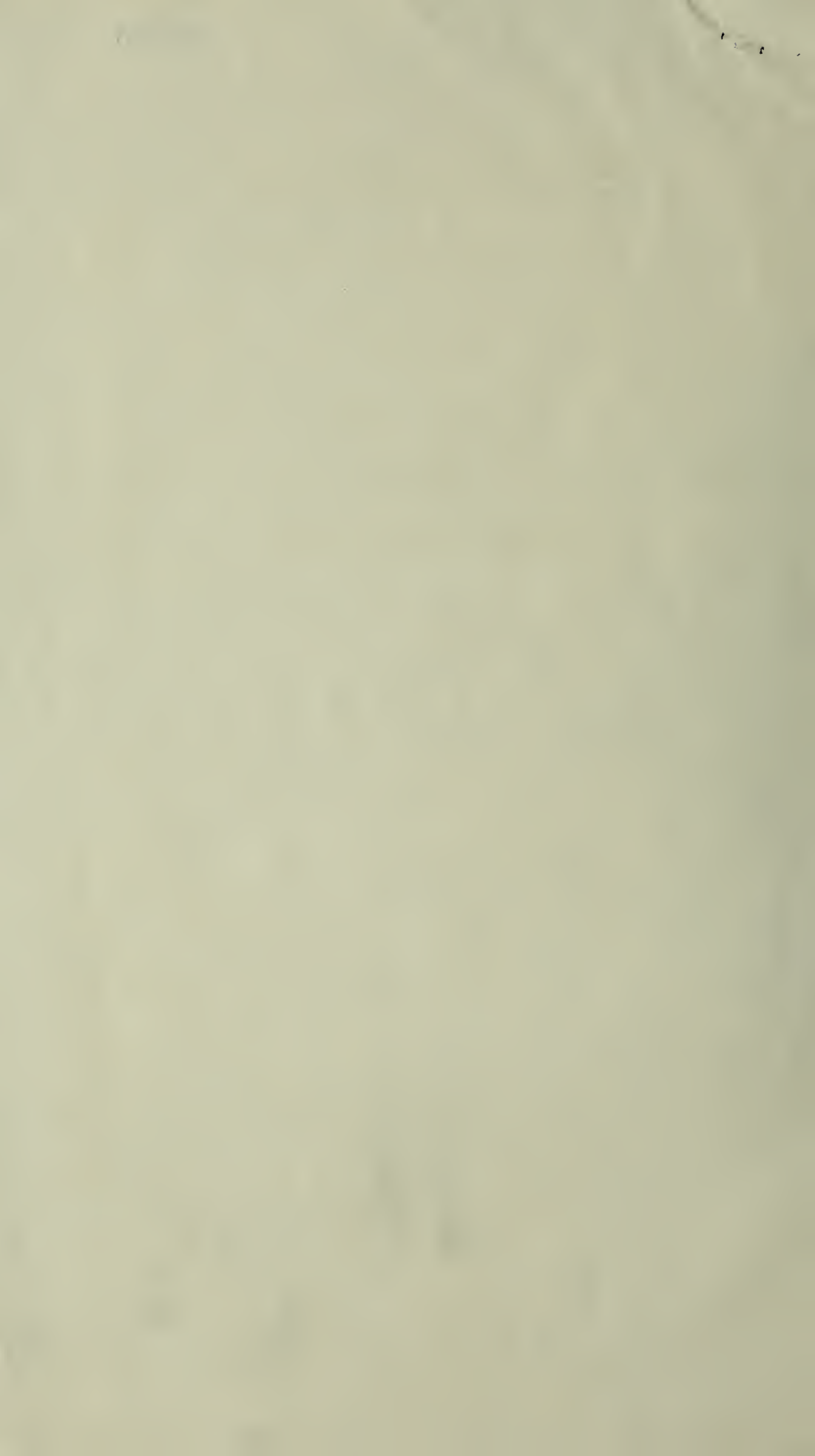
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ALTOFTS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED  
31st DECEMBER 1938.

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Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you the Annual Report on the health of the district for the year 1937.

Area of District.	1838 acres.
Population Census 1931.	4908.
Estimated Population for 1937.	4598.
Total number of inhabited houses.	1242.
Rateable Value.	£16045.
Yielding on a penny rate	£66. 17. 1.

WATER. The supply from the Wakefield Corporation has been satisfactory in quality and quantity. No cases of lead poisoning were reported. Drainage and sewerage have been adequate.

Privies with open middens.	Nil.
Privies with covered middens.	20.
Pail on Tub Closets.	20.
Water Closets.	1206.
Waste Water Closets.	2.
Additional Closets provided for old property.	2.
Water Closets constructed for New Houses.	12.
Refuse during the year has been entirely disposed of by tipping.	

The Milk Supply was adequate.  
The total number of Milk cows was 126 and these were inspected by the County Veterinary Surgeon in February, June and November. Four cows were found to be suffering from tuberculosis and were dealt with according to the provisions under the Tuberculosis Order. Several cows were also found to be suffering from diseases of the Udder (mastitis or Garget). Cowsheds numbering 17 were inspected on 92 occasions and reported to be good structurally and kept in a clean condition.

The district has now only one slaughter house. This was inspected regularly at Salughtering times. Carcasses inspected and condemned.

	Cattle exclud- ing cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed of known.		Not known.			
Number inspected.	-	-	--	-	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis. Whole carcasses condemned.	nil.	nil.	nil.	nil.	nil.
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	nil.	nil.	nil.	1	nil.
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcasses condemned.	nil.	nil.	nil.	nil.	nil.
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	nil.	2.	nil.	nil.	nil.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.		Less than 1%			

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No prosecutions took place under the Food and Drugs Act.  
The Elementary Schools were visited in connection with the  
notification of infectious diseases.  
No closures took place.

The following cases of Notifiable Diseases were notified during the  
year.

	<u>Total cases notified.</u>	<u>Admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Diphtheria.	3.	3.	nil.
Scarlet Fever.	7.	6.	nil.
Puerperal Pyresia.	1.	1.	nil.
Pneumonia (all forms.)	9.	nil.	3.
Tuberculosis. (all forms).	4.	2. (Sanat- orium).	4.
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	1.	nil.	nil.
Erysipelas.	3.	nil.	nil.

The cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum recovered completely.

The following table shows the cases and deaths in relation to  
age groups.

	Un- der 1yr.	1-2.	2-3.	3-4.	4-5.	5-10.	10-15.	15-20.	20-35.	35-45.	45-60.	60 & over.
Diphther- ia cases	-	-	1.	-	-	-	1.	-	-	-	1.	-
Deaths.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever Cas- es.	-	-	-	-	-	2.	3.	1.	1.	-	-	-
Deaths.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipel- as cases.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.	1.
Deaths.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumon ia Cases.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	1	2	3
Deaths.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	-	-	1	2
Tubercul osis all forms. cases.	-	-	-	-	-	1.	1.	-	1.	-	1.	-
Deaths.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1.	-
Puerper al Pyres ia cases.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Deaths.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<u>TUBERCULOSIS.</u> <u>Age Periods.</u>	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>NonPulmonary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
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1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
10.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
25.	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
35.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & up- ward.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

No action was taken under Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulation  
1925 or Public Health Act 1925 (section 62).





General Nursing Midwifery and School Work were carried out by two resident Nurses.

During the year 102 new cases were nursed.

Total number of nursing visits 3606.

Visits to Schools. 53.

Home Visits in connection with same. 139.

Midwifery cases attended. 30.

Visits in connection with same. 390.

Maternity cases attended. 3.

Visits in connection with same. 39.

Ante Natal Visits. 261.

Health Visits. 774.

The average attendance of infants in connection with the Child Welfare Centre was 28.

The Clinic has been greatly assisted by an enthusiastic Committee of lady helpers.

Cases requiring hospital treatment were sent to Leeds General Infirmary, Womens and Children's Hospital Leeds. Clayton Hospital Wakefield, Normanton & Castleford District Hospital and the County Hospital, Wakefield.

Nine cases of infectious diseases were removed to Ackton Isolation Hospital.

Ambulances available for removal of patients were the City Police Ambulance Wakefield, the local Colliery Ambulance, Normanton Town Ambulance and the Isolation Hospital Ambulance.

The County Laboratory, County Hall, Wakefield has again proved of great assistance.

The total number of deaths registered in the district was 38. 19 were transferred from other districts and 2 transferred away making a net total of 55 (32 males and 23 females) and a crude death rate of 11.96 this multiplied by the comparability factor 1.11 giving a rate of 13.27 as compared with 12.4 for England and Wales.

Registered births numbered 58 (31 males including one illegitimate and 27 females) making a birth rate of 12.61 as compared with 14.9 for England and Wales. Still births numbered 2 (no illegitimate).

One death occurred in infants under 1 year making a death rate per 1000 live births of 17.2 as compared with 58 for England and Wales. The cause of death was prematurity life only lasting 24 hours. Main causes of death over 1 year were:-

Heart Disease 18. Other circulatory Diseases 2.

Cancer 7. Pneumonia 4. Bronchitis 1. Diabetes 2.

Cerebral Haemorrhage etc. 1. Influenza 3. Pulmonary Tuberculosis 3.

Other Tuberculosis Diseases 1. Nephritis 2. Violence 1. Other digestive diseases 4. Senility 2. Other defined diseases 5.

#### HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling houses during the year.

1.(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). 120.

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose -

2.(a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925. 40.

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose -

3. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. 14.

4. Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. 60.





2. Remedy of defects during the year without Service of formal Notice.  
Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers. 35.
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-
- (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.
1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. 14.
  2. Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
    - (a) By owners. nil.
    - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners. nil.
- (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-
1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. 6.
  2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice. 6.
    - (a) By owners. 6.
    - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners. nil.
- (c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of Housing Act, 1936.
1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition orders were made. nil.
  2. Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. nil.
- (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.
1. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. nil.
  2. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. nil.
4. Housing Act 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding:-
- (a) i. Number of the dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year. 20.
- ii. Number of families dwelling therein. 20.
- iii. Number of persons dwelling therein. 169.
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year. nil.
- (c) i. Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. 4.
- ii. Number of persons concerned in such cases. 32.
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. nil.



- (e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report. nil.

The year has been remarkable for the freedom of the district from infectious disease. It is too early to say whether the low incidence of diphtheria has been due to the introduction of immunisation but there is no doubt that in time if the procedure is thoroughly carried out amongst young children the greater will be the fall in the number and severity of cases. Another gratifying feature has been the low mortality amongst infants under one year. The population continues to decrease however, owing chiefly to the fall in the birth rate and secondly to emigration due probably to the depression in the coal trade.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) H. SCHOLEFIELD.

